

STATEWIDE PLANNING e-NEWS

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We're Here to Help

One of the central missions of the [Statewide Planning Program](#) is to enable cities and towns to create great communities.

The staff of the Statewide Planning Program is here to help, with everything from document review to data gathering, fact checking to facilitation. Our staff has expertise in a variety of topics, including GIS and mapping, public participation, data analysis, redevelopment planning and urban design.

If you think your community could benefit from the assistance of the Statewide Planning Program, contact Jared Rhodes at 222-5772 or Jared.Rhodes@doa.ri.gov.

Community Guidance to Maintain Working Farms & Forests

When: Thursday, September 26, 2013 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. (refreshments & sign-in beginning at 8:45 a.m.)

Where: Audubon Society of RI, 12 Sanderson Rd, Smithfield, RI

Audiences: Planners* and other municipal staff and officials in rural and suburban communities and other interested parties
(*3 AICP CM credits offered)

Cost: Free! But registration is required. Please RSVP to Jennifer West at jennifer@nbnerr.org or 401-222-4700 x 7413.

Description: The Land Use Unit of the Division of Planning worked with the Department of Environmental Management on how to help towns and landowners pre-serve agricultural and or forested lands. Scott Millar of DEM will speak about how towns might encourage rural businesses through changes in planning policies, zoning and other regulations by:



- Identifying rural business uses that will help maintain the viability of our farms and provide incentives to limit the development of working farm and forest lands for other purposes;
- Developing performance standards for these activities that will allow them to coexist within other zones with residential and other uses; and
- Crafting regulatory guidance that communities can use to shape ordinances that allow for new businesses, and apply reasonable performance standards.

Division of Planning Committee Meetings



State Planning Council **Cancelled**

Schedule for September 19th, 9:00 a.m.

One Capitol Hill, Providence, RI Conference Room A

<http://www.planning.ri.gov/council/planningcouncil/>

Technical Committee – **Cancelled**

Schedule for September 13th, 9:00 a.m.

One Capitol Hill, Providence, RI Conference Room A

<http://www.planning.ri.gov/council/technical/>

Transportation Advisory Committee

Schedule for September 26th, 6:30 p.m. a.m.

One Capitol Hill, Providence, RI Conference Room A

<http://www.planning.ri.gov/council/transportation>

Interested in Faster/ Less Expensive Transportation Projects? Join Us!

The Rhode Island Department of Transportation (RIDOT), Rhode Island Statewide Planning Program (RISPP), the Rhode Island Technology Transfer Center and the Rhode Island Federal Highway Administration (FHWA-RI) office invites you to attend the Every Day Counts Exchange (EDC-Exchange).

- When: September 24
- What Time: 1:00 to 4:30 PM
- Where: RIDOT Maintenance Headquarters located at 360 Lincoln Avenue in Warwick
- Who: Municipal Public Works, Engineering & Planning

The EDC-Exchange combines web-based presentations with in-person group participation. EDC-Exchanges describe effective project development and delivery practices, tools and proven technologies that municipal and similar agencies can readily implement into their transportation projects and programs. FHWA's national subject matter experts, in conjunction with FHWA-RI and RIDOT office experts, provide information and materials, and facilitate discussions designed specifically for municipal and similar agencies. Federal resources are available to support your use of these ready-to-go tools and technologies.

For more information on this program, please contact Barbara Breslin, FHWA, 401-528-4031, Bbreslin@dot.gov. To register for the event, please contact Tory Perrotta at toryp@mail.uri.edu



September GIS Events

- **URISA GIS-Pro 2013 Conference** - September 16-19 at the Omni Providence Hotel (1 West Exchange St, Providence) <http://www.urisa.org/education-events/gis-pro-annual-conference/>
- **RIGIS Executive Committee Meeting** - September 26 @ 3:00pm at USDA-NRCS (60 Quaker Ln, Warwick)
- **Fall NEARC Conference** - GIS in Education Day on September 29; NEARC 2013 from September 30 - October 2; both at the Radisson Hotel Nashua (11 Tara Blvd, Nashua, NH) <http://www.northeastarc.org/2013/index.html>

(see <http://www.edc.uri.edu/rigis/about/calendar.html> for more details)



News from the U.S. Census Bureau

The Census Bureau released its 2011 Small Area Health Insurance Estimates (SAHIE). The estimates show the number of people with and without health insurance for all states and each of the nation's roughly 3,140 counties. The statistics are provided by broad age group, sex, race and Hispanic origin, and at income levels that reflect thresholds for state and federal assistance programs. The data can be used to assess annual changes in health insurance coverage from 2008 through 2011.

The release includes a [2011 highlights document](#) that describes demographic and economic differences in health insurance status across states and counties, as well as geographic variation and time trends in health insurance status. The document also includes a number of [maps](#) that are available for download from the [SAHIE website](#).



GrowSmartRI
Sustainable Economic Growth
& Quality of Place

Rhode Island Community Profiles Training

Rhode Island Community Profiles is a set of comprehensive maps and data on neighborhoods across Rhode Island. Find data on race, income, housing, transportation, employment, education, and more. RI Community Profiles was developed by [The Providence Plan](#) which provides Rhode Islanders and state agencies with data and information to support critical decision making.

This workshop is designed for municipal planning staff and others who need to access data for comprehensive planning or grant proposals. You will learn to navigate the site including some hands-on exercises, margin of error issues, RI data quirks, and how data is collected. There will also be some additional data hunt exercises using typical comprehensive plan information retrieval and the use of the search function and the data displays. At the end there will be time for discussion and feedback about how Community Profiles can be made even more useful for planners.

The workshop will be held on **Thursday, September 12th from 9 am until 11 am at YouthBuild in Providence**. 2 CM credits have been request from RI APA.

This workshop is free of charge, but limited seating is available.

Advance registration by **Wednesday, September 4th is required**. Registration will be closed once capacity has been reached. For full information go to www.growsmartri.org or contact Jodi Castallo, Training Coordinator, jcastallo@growsmartri.org or 401-273-5711 ext. 6.

Municipal Training Offered

Design Guidelines & Standards Workshop Fall 2013

This is a workshop for RI municipal planners and planning boards who are considering the use of design guidelines/standards for development in order to achieve/maintain the physical character that the community desires. The workshop will provide guidance about how a community can go about answering two key questions:

- **What do we want?** Architect Don Powers of Union Studio Architecture and Community Design will discuss how a community goes about engaging officials and citizens in analyzing the existing physical character of an area and arriving at a community consensus about what they want the area to be like in the future.
- **How should we use our community planning/regulatory framework to get what we want?** Nate Kelly of Horsley Witten will discuss the different approaches a municipality can use for incorporating design goals into RI's legally mandated community planning framework (ie, comprehensive plan, ordinances, regulations) and how to determine which approach is best suited to a given community.

The workshop will be held on **Tuesday, September 24, 2013 from 6:30 pm until 9:00 pm in South Kingstown**.

This workshop is free of charge, but limited seating is available.

Advance registration by **Tuesday, September 17th is required**. Registration will be closed once capacity has been reached. For full information go to www.growsmartri.org or contact Jodi Castallo, Training Coordinator, jcastallo@growsmartri.org or 401-273-5711 ext. 6.

The workshop is supported by the Rhode Island Division of Planning-Statewide Program with funding provided by the US Department of Transportation, Federal Highway Administration.

REGISTER NOW! Registration cost: \$450



Photo Basics Photography in a Nutshell

- Apertures, shutter speeds, depth of field, lenses and more. This class is a cram course in photography for anyone and everyone.
- Bring your digital SLR and learn how to use your camera to create a wide variety of images.
- We'll give you lots of tips and tricks along the way and provide an exciting forum for creativity!

Course Length: 6 Sessions, 3 hours each

Class meets | September 5, 2013 - October 10, 2013 | Thursdays 5:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

For registration form and more details click on our webpage http://www.uri.edu/prov/certificate_noncredit/certificate/Multimedia/MultimediaTech.html

All classes meet at URI Feinstein Providence Campus 80 Washington Street, Providence~ 9am-4pm in Room 329.

FALLWORKSHOPS REGISTER NOW! Registration cost: \$99 per workshop.

SEPTEMBER:

EXCEL BASICS Saturday, **September 14, 2013**, GRANT WRITING Tuesday, **September 24, 2013**

OCTOBER: ACCESS Tuesday, **October 1, 2013**, EXCEL ADVANCED Saturday, **October 5, 2013**

POWERPOINT & GRAPHICS Thursday, **October 10, 2013**, EXCEL BASICS Thursday, **October 31, 2013**

NOVEMBER: Critical Thinking Tuesday, **November 5, 2013**, OUTLOOK Thursday, **November 7, 2013**

Writing (to capture your audience in 10 sec) Wednesday: **November 13, 2013**

EXCEL ADVANCED Thursday: **November 14, 2013**, GRANT WRITING Thursday: **November 21, 2013**

For registration form and more details click on our webpage:

http://www.uri.edu/prov/certificate_noncredit/noncredit/profdevelopment.html

All workshops meet at **URI Feinstein Providence Campus, 80 Washington Street, Providence, 9:00 a.m. — 4:00 p.m. in Room 329.**

All workshops use the **Microsoft Office 2013** setting. **Handouts** are filled with shortcuts, step-by-step guides/tips and include instructions for **Office 2013, 2010, 2007, and 2003**. **Free parking** at the RI Convention Center Parking Garage.

Each participant will receive a

Certificate of Completion for the workshop.

We can run any of our workshops on site at your organization. Contact me for more details.

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